

CROATIA

Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, all Canadians are horrified at the news we are receiving from Croatia. For months now we have witnessed endless fighting between Croatian militia men and the Yugoslav federal army, a fight between self-determination and oppression.

In a nation divided by centuries of racial mistrust and hatred people are suffering. Ever since the federal army offensive began months ago innocent people have been dying. Every attempt to negotiate a cease-fire has failed and the intervention by the European community has not produced results.

As Canadians we should do everything we can to lessen the suffering on the innocent people. Hunger and death know no race or nationality. I call on the Canadian government to use every available means to end the death and destruction and to restore peace and harmony to this troubled part of the world.

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[Translation]

LE MANOIR SULLY

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est): Mr. Speaker, November 8 was a happy day for about a hundred retired people in my riding because their wish became reality. On that day, their new residence, Le Manoir Sully, was officially opened.

This outstanding residence, with a style and beauty all its own, was built privately by Raoul Emond and will be managed by him and his wife Louise. His concern for environmental protection and his desire to pamper our seniors in this unmatched atmosphere ensure the success of his project and make it a model for those who want the later years of life to be most enjoyable.

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[English]

ICEBREAKERS

Miss Deborah Grey (Beaver River): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the innovative designers of the icebreaker *Oden*. This Swedish flagged ship designed in Alberta is the first non-Soviet icebreaker, as well as the

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first non-nuclear vessel of any nationality to reach the North Pole.

This is a monumental achievement for Canada, but unfortunately it has gone virtually unnoticed by the federal government.

Since 1969, when the U.S. ice strengthened oil tanker *Manhattan* ploughed through the northwest archipelago, Canada has been looking for a new polar icebreaker capable of patrolling all Arctic waterways and protecting Canadian sovereignty. Such an icebreaker could contribute significantly to oil exploration development in the north.

The development of such an icebreaker has proved fruitless, as in the Polar 8 project, a \$650 million venture which was eventually scrapped. By way of contrast, the total design and building costs of *Oden* came in at a mere \$55 million.

Why is this government not pursuing an evaluation of the *Oden* design icebreaker? Instead, the Canadian Coast Guard is attempting to modernize the 21-year old *Louis St. Laurent* to the tune of \$140 million. That is enough to build at least two *Oden* vessels in a foreign yard or one *Oden* class craft in Canada with tens of millions of dollars in change.

When is this government going to get serious about containing costs and protecting Canadian sovereignty?

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THE LATE GUY DESCARY

Hon. Bob Layton (Lachine—Lac-Saint-Louis): Mr. Speaker, I wish to share a few thoughts about Mayor Guy Descary.

Guy Descary was very devoted to his city, the fair city of Lachine. Since I was elected member of Parliament for Lachine—Lac-Saint-Louis in 1984, I had several opportunities to participate in events with the mayor. On every occasion, I was always impressed by his generosity, his ability, his aspirations, his appreciation of our heritage and his understanding of his citizens' needs.

Guy Descary initiated the waterfront redevelopment project and helped to create wonderful parks and develop culture, all of which make Lachine a good place to live for all its residents.